



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held March 23, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“More people will die worldwide this year of tuberculosis than any other year in history. For this reason, the World Health Organization has declared tuberculosis a global health emergency.

“Tuberculosis is not limited to the developing world. It is estimated that over 3.4 Californians are infected with latent tuberculosis, and that the average person with latent tuberculosis has a 10% lifetime risk of developing the active tuberculosis disease. Last year, 1,025 residents in Los Angeles County were diagnosed with active tuberculosis disease.

“Throughout the month of March, a community coalition of agencies, individuals, and the Department of Health Services' Tuberculosis Control Program will provide educational programs and materials to targeted high-risk populations on how the tuberculosis disease is spread, treated and prevented.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried (Supervisor Molina being absent), the Board joined the World Health Organization in proclaiming March 24, 2004, as "World Tuberculosis Day" and urged all residents, health organizations and community coalitions throughout the County to join in the effort to prevent and ultimately eliminate tuberculosis.

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